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SUBJ: THAI OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR PARIS ON NARCOTICS CASE

REF: (A) PARIS 11207 AND PREVIOUS; (B) BKK 8947

1. THREE SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS HAVE LEFT FOR PARIS TO
GATHER INFORMATION ON THE CASE OF THAI MILITARY ATTACHE
DAMRONG DUANGRATTHANA (PHONETIC) AND HIS SON RAK
DUANGRATTHANA (REFA). POLICE MAJOR GENERAL CHAWALIT
YOTMANI IF THE THE POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER (PNSC)
AND POLICE MAJOR GENERAL CHAK LAKSANABUNSONG, ASSISTANT
COMMISSIONER OF THE CENTRAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU, LEFT
FOR PARIS ON APR 26. DIRECTOR OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE
MAJOR GENERAL CHALOEI SA-NGUANSACK, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF
MILITARY ATTACHES, LEFT FOR PARIS ON APR 27.

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2. THE THAI HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE
CASE OTHER THAN PRESS REPORTS SINCE IT BROKE ON APR 5.
POLICE GENERAL PHAO SARASIN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
PNSC, WAS REPORTEDLY VISIBLE UPSET AND ANGERED WHEN HE
FIRST LEARNED THAT RAK HAD IMPLICATED HIS FATHER AS
INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. HE REPORTEDLY FEARS
THAT THE CASE MAY BE A SERIOUS SETBACK TO THAI EFFORTS TO

ENLIST EUROPEAN COPPERATION AND SUPPORT IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT HERE. PRAMUK SAWATDIMONGKHON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION AND PREVENTION COMMITTEE) IS FOLLOWING THE CASE FROM BANGKOK.

3. THE VISIT BY THREE SENIOR OFFICIALS INDICATES THE HIGH LEVEL CONCERN IN THE THAI GOVERNMENT OVER THIS MATTER, AND THE RTG'S INTEREST IN CLEARING UP TTHE MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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